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SUBJECT: ORLOV GROUP ON SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH CSCE FINAL ACT

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A PACKET OF DOCUMENTS, ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE U.S. "HEAD OF GOVERNMENT," FROM THE DISSIDENT CSCE MONITORING GROUP HEADED BY YURIY ORLOV. MATERIAL WAS HANDED TO EMBOFF BY A MEMBER OF THE GROUP; AS PER EMBASSY GUIDELINES, IN ACCEPTING PACKET EMBOFF MADE NO UNDERTAKING REGARDING ITS DISPOSITION.

2. INCLUDED IN THE PACKET:

--A STATEMENT, SIGNED BY ORLOV, OUTLINING THE AIM OF HIS GROUP AND APPEALING FOR SUPPORT FROM ABROAD TO COUNTER THE KGB HARASSMENT HE AND OTHER GROUP MEMBERS ARE ENCOUNTERING (WE UNDERSTAND THAT ORLOV RECENTLY HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY A TEAM OF TEN KGB AGENTS);

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--A DOCUMENT, WITH FOUR ATTACHMENTS, OUTLINING THE HARSH TREATMENT GIVEN SOVIET POLITICAL PRISONERS AND CALLING FOR CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THIS PROBLEM (THE ATTACHMENTS GIVE A LIST OF REFERENCE MATERIALS, DETAILS ON PRISON CONDITIONS, A LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN VLADIMIR PRISON, AND A LIST OF POTENTIAL WITNESSES TO SOVIET PRISON CONDITIONS);

--A DOCUMENT ON REPRESSION AGAINST RELIGIOUS FAMILIES (REGARDING THE SOVIET PRACTICE OF TAKING CUSTODY OF CHILDREN SUBJECTED TO "AMORAL AND ANTISOCIAL" INFLUENCE), GIVING SEVERAL CASE STUDIES;

-- A DOCUMENT ON FAMILIES DIVIDED BECAUSE OF SOVIET EMIGRATION POLICY, GIVING THREE CASE STUDIES (DAVIDOVICH, LEVITAS AND SLEPAK) AND APPENDING A LIST OF THE "MOST DRAMATIC" HARDSHIP CASES.

3. THE THREE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE A WEALTH OF NAMES, FACTS AND FIGURES AND MERIT CAREFUL STUDY. WE ARE POUCHING THIS MATERIAL TO EUR/SOV.
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